

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 145

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate District Attorney General Jennings Jones upon his election to the Office of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Jennings Jones, who was elected to the District Attorney General's Office of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, which encompasses Rutherford and Cannon counties; and

WHEREAS, a Murfreesboro native, District Attorney General Jones is the son of William Ransom Jones Sr. and Wren Jones; and

WHEREAS, the Jones family has been active in Rutherford County for many years; William Jones Sr. served as the chair of the local Republican Party and as a member of the election commission and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, and General Jones's grandfather, Jennings Andrew Jones, served as mayor of Murfreesboro, helped build the Jennings A. Jones College of Business at Middle Tennessee State University, and created the Jennings and Rebecca Jones Foundation to help gifted children and young adults; and

WHEREAS, General Jennings Jones holds a bachelor's degree from Washington and Lee University and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law; and

WHEREAS, a veteran prosecutor under District Attorney General Bill Whitesell from 1998 until 2014, General Jones worked as an Assistant District Attorney in General Sessions Court under Judge Ben Hall McFarlin and Judge David Loughry before moving to circuit court

under Judge Steve Daniel, Judge Jim Clayton, Judge Don Ash, Judge Keith Siskin, and Judge David Bragg; and

WHEREAS, Jennings Jones was elected to the District Attorney General's Office for the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in August 2014, and since that time, he has committed himself to following the examples set by his predecessor, General Whitesell, serving Rutherford and Cannon counties through personal involvement in the prosecution of criminals and defense of victims; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, General Jones serves as the president of the board for the Jennings and Rebecca Jones Foundation, as a member of the board for the Child Advocacy Center, and as a member of the Murfreesboro Noon Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, he is deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Jennings Jones is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Tanya Webster Jones; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like District Attorney General Jennings Jones who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to honor and congratulate General Jones for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to public service, and his astute judicial leadership; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jennings Jones upon being elected District Attorney General for the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, thank him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.